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For: CRAWLER BELT, CRAWLER UNIT AND  
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING  
CRAWLER BELT

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Dear Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated December 9, 2008, please reconsider this application in view of the following.